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TAGS: PREL, UNSC, RW, RS
SUBJECT: JN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA: RUSSIAN
POSITION

REF: A. STATE 224672
B. STATE 218325
C. STATE 224856

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE APPROACHED DR. ROMAN KOLODKIN, A DIVISION CHIEF
IN THE RUSSIAN MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT, FOR AN UPDATE ON
THE RUSSIAN POSITION ON ESTABLISHING A RWANDA WAR
CRIMES TRIBUNAL (REF A). KOLODKIN IS INVOLVED IN
DEVELOPING THE GOR'S POSITION ON THE WAR CRIMES
TRIBUNAL ISSUE, AND SAYS THAT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT HAS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER
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THE LEAD IN THE MFA ON HOW TO PROCEED ON THE RWANDA TRIBUNAL QUESTION. ACCORDING TO KOLODKIN, THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RWANDA TRIBUNAL THAT WOULD BE LEGALLY SEPARATE FROM THAT OF ITS YUGOSLAV COUNTERPART. THIS RECOMMENDATION, WHICH DIFFERS FROM THE USG'S STRONG DESIRE TO AUGMENT THE STATUTE OF THE YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL TO INCLUDE RWANDA, IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY SENIOR LEVELS OF THE MFA. KOLODKIN SAID NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS ASPECT OF THE TRIBUNAL ISSUE HAVE GONE OUT AT THIS POINT TO NEW YORK. KOLODKIN STRESSED THAT THE GOR SHARES THE USG'S DESIRE TO MOVE QUICKLY TO SET UP A TRIBUNAL, AND ITS POSITION "IN PRINCIPLE" IS CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF THE USG, DESPITE THIS DIFFERENCE OVER MODALITIES.

3. WE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE USG'S ARGUMENT FOR AMENDING THE YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL STATUTE TO INCLUDE RWANDA, PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT (REF B). WE ALSO UNDERSCORED THE USG'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A RWANDA WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL, DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS IN REF C.
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